

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 46-71 are pending in the present application. Of these, claims 46 and 59 are independent. Claims 1 and 46-71 have been rejected.


Claim 1 was rejected as being anticipated by Obora et al. Claim 1 has been canceled.

Claims 46-71 were rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4, 6-13 and 15-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,352,543 (Cole). A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome this double patenting rejection.

Applicant believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-412-3322.

Respectfully submitted,

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